

**FORWARD:** This document is being provided to highlight educational programs, services and opportunities provided to the citizens of Zapata County. These efforts would not have been possible without the support of the Zapata County Commissioner Court. These are just a few events from 2022. THANK YOU!

**January:** 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Falcon Lake Prospect Show was held January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 175 entries. Profit from show benefits Zapata County 4-H and ZHS FFA. Path to the Plate Series was kicked off. 3 participants.



**February:** Zapata County 4-H members participated at the San Angelo Livestock Show and the San Antonio Livestock Show. 10 students exhibited lambs, steers, heifers and competed in the calf scramble. One 4-H member caught a calf in the scramble and will be exhibiting a breeding gilt this year. Horticulture Series kicked off.

**March:** 115 4-H youth participated at the annual Zapata County Fair with nearly \$300K raised at the auction.



**April:** Earth Day Celebration at Villarreal Elementary. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students participated (approximately 100). Students worked to clean up garden beds and planted various vegetables.

**May:** BLT Agent had a booth at the Border Region Behavioral Health Center Mental Health Awareness Fair, promoting gardening as a tool to help improve mental health. Learn, Grow, Eat and Go wrapped up at Villarreal Elementary School. Approximately 100 2<sup>nd</sup> graders participated.



**June:** Annual End of the Year 4-H Banquet was held. 8 graduating seniors were recognized and awarded scholarships. Approximately 50 students attended. Zapata County Sheriff Ray Del Bosque and ZCISD Police Chief Raymond Moya spoke to students about protecting themselves during emergency events. Beef Quality Assurance Training for producers held. 20 attendees.



**July:** Ag agent attended Veterinary Emergency Team disaster simulation exercise in Raymondville, TX. Online Seafood Series conducted.

**August:** A Stakeholder Meeting, in conjunction with ZCSO, USBP, and DPS was held for local ranchers and producers. Issues affecting ranch security were discussed.



**September:** Annual Zapata County Ag, Ranch and Wildlife Workshop held. Topics included cattle nutrition and pasture management. 25 attendees.

**October:** 4-H Week in Zapata County signed by Judge Rathmell. 4-H One Day Community Service Event held. 40 4-H members helped clean up the county fairgrounds.



**November:** Zapata County Tree Giveaway held. 260 trees were given out to local families.

**December:** The Annual Zapata County 4-H Blanket and Sock Drive and Christmas Party was held. ZCISD Superintendent Dr. Trevino spoke to students about leadership and her experience in 4-H.

